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JOHNSON CITY COMPANY AWARDED HONOR FOR WORKPLACE SAFETY

Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development Deputy Commissioner Bob Henningsen, on behalf of Governor Phil Bredesen, today awarded the SHARP Award to Fastec Inc. Corp/Bristol Metal Works Division of Johnson City, Tennessee. The Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) Award is one of the state's highest honors for workplace safety and health.

In congratulating Fastec officials, Henningsen said, "This is the fourth year Fastec has met the challenges of the SHARP Award. Employees and management have worked hard to continue this demanding safety program year after year. This determination demonstrates Fastec's commitment to making Tennessee a safer place to work."

Fastec Inc. Corporation/Bristol Metal Works Division manufactures thread and put points on screws. The product is packaged and shipped to various customers across the United States. Fastec last received the SHARP award in January 2000.

Designed for the smaller employers (employing fewer than 250) in high-hazard industrial classifications, the SHARP Award program provides incentives and support for companies that are approved for participation.

The main incentive for participation in the SHARP program is the desire by employers to promote a safe and healthy workplace. The program also allows employers to be removed from programmed compliance inspection lists for a period of 12 months. TOSHA consultants work with companies to develop, implement, and continually improve workplace safety and health programs.

For more information on the SHARP Award program, contact TOSHA's Consultative Services office at 1-800-325-9901.

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